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SUBJECT: NATO CONSULTATIONS ON SSOD AND CD MEMBERSHIP

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(A) USNATO 6757 (DTG 081105Z JUL 78);
(B) USNATO 6700 (DTG 070930Z JUL 78) NOTAL

1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT VIEWS CONTAINED
PARA 7 REFTEL (A), WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSULT IN NATO
ON THE SSOD. WE BELIEVE THE SEMI-ANNUAL DISARMAMENT
EXPERTS MEETING WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR
DISCUSSING THIS SUBJECT. IF OTHER DELEGATIONS HAVE
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REASONS FOR WANTING TO GIVE THE CONSULTATIONS SPECIAL
PROMINENCE BY DISCUSSIONS AT THE PERMREP (NAC) LEVEL,
WE ARE READY TO CONSIDER THEM ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT
OURSELVES SEE THE NECESSITY FOR SPECIAL SSOD
CONSULTATIONS OUTSIDE THE REGULAR DISARMAMENT EXPERTS
MEETING FRAMEWORK.

2. FYI. WE RECOGNIZE SOME DELEGATIONS MAY HAVE IN MIND INCLUDING IN THE PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS THE QUESTIONS OF THE FRENCH EUROPEAN DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE PROPOSAL AND OF CD MEMBERSHIP. HOWEVER WE BELIEVE THESE QUESTIONS ARE QUITE SEPARATE FROM A GENERAL SSOD REVIEW .
END FYI.

3. RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE IN REF (B) ON UN DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE PROVIDED SEPTEL.

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